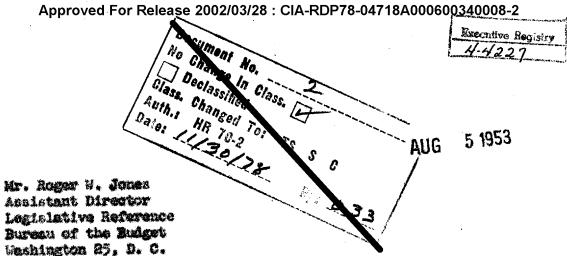
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Dear Mr. Jones!

With your letter of July 2) you forwarded the redraft of an Executive Order entitled, "Agency Procedures in Support of the National Security Council." I am pleased to give you the views of this Agency with respect to this matter.

The redraft raflects some of the comments and suggestions made in my letter of July 10 to Mr. William F. Finan, and to that extent we feel that it is an improvement on the earlier draft. However, there are certain points we wish to raise for further consideration. We are not aware of the reasons for including Section 1, and, unless there are compelling circumstances, we believe it would be preferrable to cait this Section entirely.

Section 3 contains the heart of the Order and, consequently, should be most corofully considered. We still feel that the scope of the Board's responsibility as set forth in the opening phrases of Section 3 may be too broad, although, of course, you have included the saving clause, "unless the President shall otherwise direct." We suggest for consideration that this might be changed from the negative to the positive to read, when the President shall so direct." Starting at Section 3(a), we recommend consideration of the following language in place of that set forth in this redreft:

"(a) Coordinate execution of such policy,
(b) coordinate development by the agencies
concerned of detailed operational plans to
carry out the approved policy, (c) facilitate
the timely and coordinated corrying out of
such plans, (d) provide continued guidence
for changes in operational plans within the
fresework of national security policies in
response to opportunity and changes in the
situation, and (e) assist the responsible
agencies so that their execution of each
project or action will assure that it will

make its full contribution to the particular objective the United States is seeking to achieve in the world."

The remainder of the Order deals with technical matters to which there is no objection on our part. The nature and extent of the assistance to be furnished to the Board by this Agency under Section 5 will be a matter for discussion upon establishment of the Board.

Sincorely yours,

(Signed) ALLEN W. BULLES

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